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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1) Summary of Prosecution

Claims 1, 2, 4 to 10 and 12 to 15 are pending in the application. Claims 6, 9, 14 and 15 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 3 and 11 have been cancelled.

2) Anticipation (35 USC 102(b))

Claims 1, 2, 4 to 5, 7, 8, 10, 12 and 13 are rejected as anticipated by Peterson, Jr. (United States Patent No. 3,760,673). Of these claims, claims 1 and 10 are independent. Applicant respectfully traverses this objection as follows.

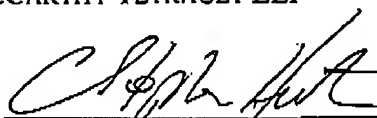
Independent claims 1 and 10 have been amended to make it clear that the carpet is beveled along an edge, and the carpet is introduced to the beveller along a surface that is not co-planar with the counter-knife. In the Peterson reference the plastic sheet is introduced along a surface in the same plane as the counter knife. There is no disclosure or suggestion in the Peterson reference of a surface that is not co-planar with the counter knife. Accordingly, the claims are clearly not anticipated in view of this clarification, and the Peterson reference does not anticipate any claims of the subject application.

4) Closing Remarks

In view of the above comments, the Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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